

July 15, 2022

The Honorable Christopher T. Hanson
Chairman
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop O14-F2
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Hanson:

I write to request a thorough, public review of the false alarm incident that took place earlier this week.

On July 12, along the coast in my district in the towns of Hampton Falls and Seabrook, nine of the Seabrook Station nuclear power plant's emergency sirens at the plant were mistakenly activated. While I applaud the work of local police departments and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to inform the public of the false alarm, this was an extremely distressing experience for many of my constituents.

Like many in New Hampshire, I remain deeply concerned about the events which led to this incident and how we can move forward. Communities on the Seacoast, especially in the emergency preparedness zone of Brentwood, East Kingston, Exeter, Greenland, Hampton, Hampton Falls, Kensington, Kingston, New Castle, Newfields, Newton, North Hampton, Portsmouth, Rye, Seabrook, South Hampton and Stratham, expect and deserve the clearest possible communication and accountability on this matter.

I have spoken with local officials and community members, and while we remain confident in Seabrook's ability to manage a real emergency, it is crucial that the public has access to the fullest possible understanding of what took place and what can be done to ensure it will not happen again. I urge you to conduct a thorough, public review of the false alarm incident as efficiently as possible to identify why this took place, where responsibility may lie, and how it will be prevented in the future. We urge NRC to take the necessary steps to hear and address the concerns of Granite Staters in the process, to ensure all questions are answered.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for all of your work to ensure the safety and security of our nuclear energy sources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Pappas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Pappas
Member of Congress